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- (iv) National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad. (v) Institute for the Physically Handicapped, New Delhi. (vi) National Institute of Rehabilitation, Training and Research, Orissa.

3. The Rehabilitation Council of India has been reconstituted. The RCI is a statutory body for standardisation and training of rehabilitation professionals recognition of training institutions and registration of professionals. RCI conducts workshop/seminars, training programmes etc. round the years, to promote manpower development in disability rehabilitation.

4. Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALMCI), A Government company under the aegis of this Ministry was set up with the objectives to establish facilities for manufacture of artificial limbs and accessories; to promote, encourage and develop the availability, supply and distribution, at reasonable costs, of artificial limbs and accessories to the needy.

5. To support entrepreneurial activity by the disabled, National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) has been operationalised *with effect from* 24.10.97. The main objective of the Corporation is to provide self-employment and income generating activities to persons with disabilities for their economic rehabilitation. NHFDC extends loans to the persons with disabilities for pursuing general/ professional/technical education for training at graduate and higher levels, besides assisting in the up - gradation of technical entrepreneurial skills.

6. Two Schemes are being implemented for providing support to non-government agencies working for various programmes for rehabilitation of persons with disabilities

Steel Plants and Rolling Mills in Public Sector

1100. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:.

- (a) the number of steel plants and rolling mills in the public sector;
- (b) the installed capacity of each of these plants;
- (c) whether Government have a proposal to expand any of these plants during Ninth Plan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) There are nine steel plants in the public sector and their installed capacity for production of saleable steel is as under :

| Name of Plant | Capacity (in '000 tonnes) |
|--|---------------------------|
| Bhilai Steel Plant | 3153 |
| Durgapur Steel Plant | 1586 |
| Rourkela Steel Plant | 1671 |
| Bokaro Steel Plant | 3780 |
| Alloy Steels Plant, Durgapur | 184 |
| Salem Steel Plant | 175 |
| Visveswaraya Iron and Steel Limited | 77 |
| Indian Iron and Steel Company, Burnpur | 305 |
| Visakhapatnam Steel Plant | 2656 |

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

New National Policy on Steel

1101. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to launch a New National Policy on Steel;

(b) if so, the main features of the policy and by when the same is likely to be announced;

(c) whether the said policy would take steps to penetrate untapped market in the country so as to augment the internal demand for steel and steel products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof.'

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to frame a National Steel Policy to draw a road map for the steel industry in the next ten years, in the wake of globalization and second generation reforms. At this juncture, it is difficult to indicate definite time by which the policy will come into force as the policy is to be finalized in consultation with the major producers, their associations, experts in the field of metallurgy Ministry of Commerce and Finance etc. The National Steel Policy would also address issues relating to demand/supply of steel.